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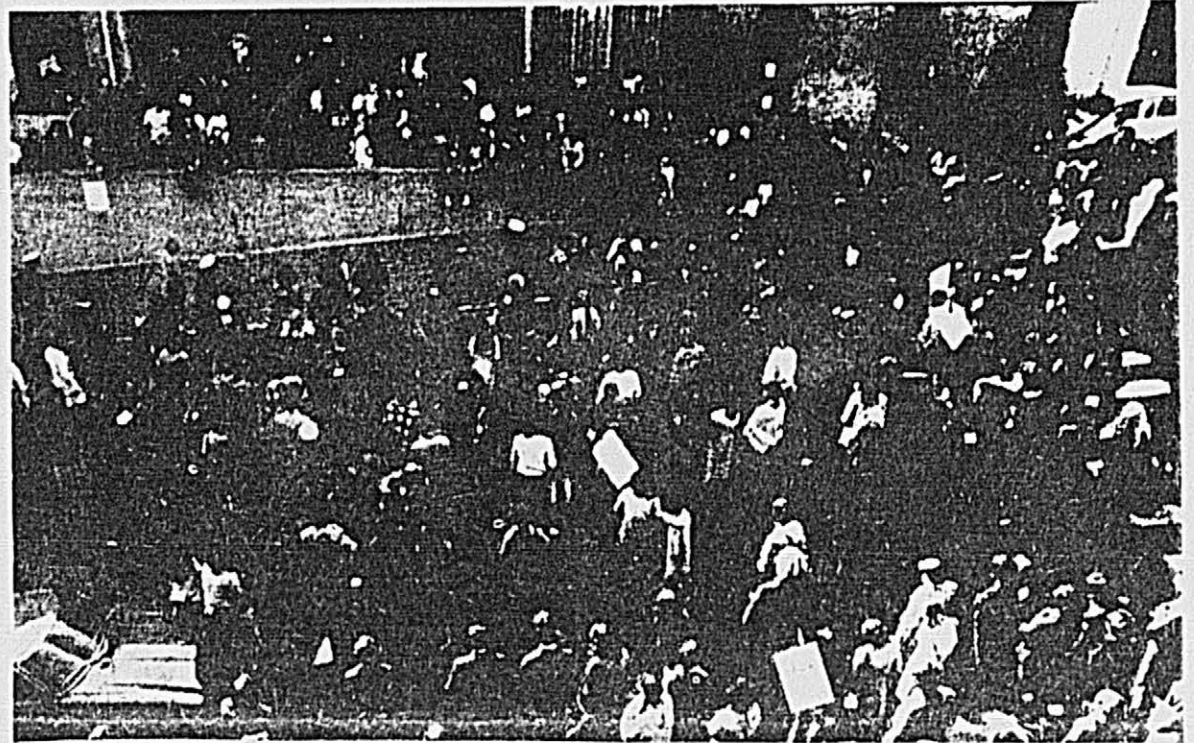
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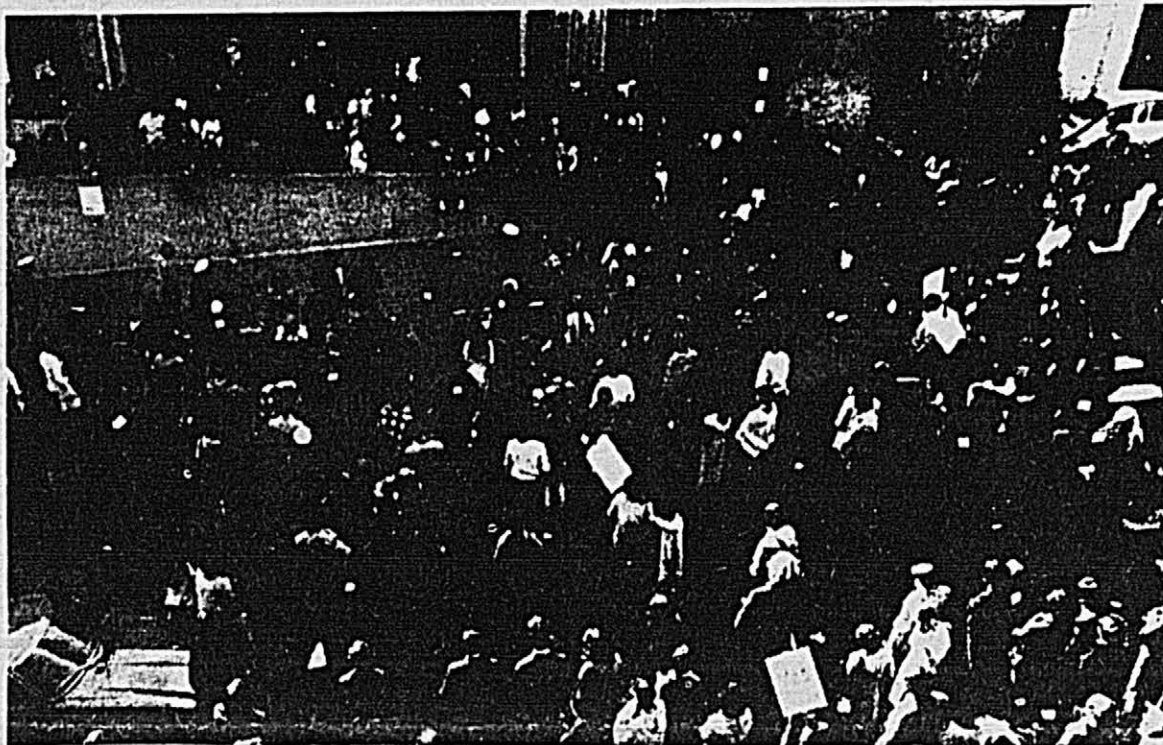
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Christian Science Organization at McGill University:

Testimony meeting tonight at 7 pm, Campus Chaplaincy Centre, 3484 Peel Street. All are welcome.

Skydiving Club:

Meeting Union B-47 at 6:30 pm. Info: B-47.

Faculty Concert:

Joelle Amar, bassoon; assisted by: Robert Jones, piano; Allen Woo, violin; Madeleine Mercy, viola; Iona Corber, cello; works by: Galliard, Devienne, Starokadomsky, Reiner. Strathcona Music Bldg., 555 Sherbrooke St. West, 7:30 pm —Room C310, free admission.

Kojak:

Will visit the Union today to present his lollipop to anyone he catches lifting bolts out of door hinges, and other such nonsense.

McGill Christian Fellowship:

"Culture and Faith": a discussion led by students from the Middle East and Africa on the effects of their culture on their lives and their beliefs. Join us from 1 to 2 in the Newman Centre, 3484 Peel St.

Baha'i Club:

Meeting from 12 to 2 in 124 of the Union.

Bridge Club:

Duplicate game 6:45 pm Union Grill Room second floor. Non-members and backgammon players also welcome. BYOB. Info: Howard 481-9122 or Robert 488-3085.

Women's Intramural Volleyball:

Games Tonight:

5:30 pm—P and OT vs. Medicine
—Arts and Science vs. P.E.I.
6:00 pm—Management vs. P.E.I.
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7:00 pm—Law vs. Management
—P.E.I. vs. P.E.I.

Mein Yiddishe Momma

[Oy Vay!]:

Lecture with Ms. Sarah Felgstock on the "Modern Jewish Women" 12 noon in the Chabad House library. At 1 pm Dr. E. Cohen will lecture on "Tanya". At 7 pm Rabbi Berger will talk on "Torah Adapting to our Times". Info: 842-6616. Chabad House, 3429 Peel St.

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Ladies' SHEEPSKIN COAT size 9-10, light brown, mid-calf length, with hood, excellent condition \$60, call Ginny 845-3087 (leave message).

One pair of brown DINGO BOOTS, size 9½ and a pair of brown ROOT BOOTS size 9½. Both in excellent condition—phone 672-3712.

STEREO system (Strauss) with Lenco turntable. New over \$300, asking \$150 or best offer. Call 392-5095 (day) or 842-6769 (evenings).

PERSONAL

Problem? Feel you need to rap with a rabbi? Call Israel Hausman 341-3580.

JOBS

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Furnished apt. to share, 3½, rent for one—\$85, Chomedey St. near Atwater, phone Sue 933-8014.

Students' Society By-elections

Wednesday, December 3, 1975

NOMINATIONS ARE HEREBY CALLED FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

- VICE PRESIDENT [INTERNAL]
- SENATE REPRESENTATIVES
- BOARD OF GOVERNORS: ONE UNDERGRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE
- SENATE

Education

Medicine

Graduate Studies (PROFESSIONAL)

Graduate Studies (Academic)

Dentistry

Music

Religious Studies

Continuing Education

CANDIDATES' QUALIFICATIONS AND NOMINATING PROCEDURES

EXECUTIVE

Vice-President [Internal]—may be any member of the McGill Students' Society in good standing with the University, except:

- 1) partial students taking less than three courses
- 2) students registered in the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research who are non-resident students OR full members of the teaching staff

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SENATE

Candidates must be members of the McGill Students' Society and

1. be students in good standing, who are registered full-time for a degree or diploma and have satisfied conditions for promotion in their previous year of studies.

OR

2. be students in good standing, who have satisfied conditions for promotion in their previous year of studies and who are registered in a degree or diploma program, but who are permitted by Faculty to undertake a limited program.

OR

3. be students in good standing, who are registered full-time or in a limited program for a degree or diploma, and who are repeating a year for reasons other than academic failure. Nominations must be signed by at least 50 members of the McGill Students' Society who are in the SAME faculty as the prospective candidate together with their year and faculty, or by 25 percent of the student enrolment in the faculty together with their year and faculty, whichever is the lesser of the two.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Candidates must be members of the McGill Students' Society and must be registered at McGill University as full-time students in good standing following the normal load of courses per year. Nominations must be signed by at least 50 members of the McGill Students' Society together with their year and faculty.

*All nomination papers must contain the following words: "We, the undersigned students, nominate....for the position of

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All nominations must be submitted to Miss L. Laporte at the Students' Society Office in the Students' Union no later than

5:00 pm, Friday, November 21, 1975

WORK OVERSEAS ~CUSO~

Needed: English, French, Math, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Art, Business, Economics, Health, Engineering and Agricultural Graduates.

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Meeting on November 20
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Weather as a weapon: selling the rain

by Mark Looney

This article first appeared in the March 1975 issue of Science for the People.

Modern weaponry in the twentieth century has increasingly shocked us with its vast array of sophisticated scientific instruments of death. From the ruins of Hiroshima to the jungles of Indochina, we have seen the results of the misuse of science and the misappropriation of resources. Out of the Pentagon labyrinth have come a series of horrors from H-bombs to guava bombs. We should expect more additional horrors to appear unless we cut off funds for the war machine. Vietnam served as testing ground for some of these weapons and countless other new armaments for the United States. It is important to look at Vietnam in a larger sense, as the proving ground of US imperialism for control of the Third World. Not only are weapons tested but the Vietnamese people are tested, world opinion is tested, American soldiers and the American public are tested. One lesson that I feel we learned from Vietnam is that overt American military involvement (soldiers, pilots, etc.) will not be as easily tolerated or as successful as covert involvement (aid to Saigon, advisors, etc.). While drafting American youth to fight and die in Vietnam proved in the long run unsuccessful, funneling aid to Saigon has continued, even though at reduced levels. As the war progressed, human involvement was replaced by more sophisticated technological involvement. A policy of covert warfare for the Third World by the US seems feasible for the future. Chile and Allende were good examples of how this new secret warfare will work.

Weather modification, more specifically rain modification, was a complicated scientific weapon that the American military experimented with in North Vietnam, South Vietnam and Laos from 1967-1972. Due to the efforts of Senator Clairborne Pell and the Chicago Science for Vietnam Collective a wealth of information on military weather tampering in Indochina and elsewhere was collected during hearings held in the summer of 1972 and early 1974. Pell's chief motivations were to flush out information on what occurred in Indochina to enlighten world opinion and hopefully to enact international treaties banning weather and environmental warfare. After much lying (Laird once told Fulbright that they never used weather modification in Indochina) and stalling, a secret, now unclassified session was held between Pell, Sen. Case, and military brass on March 20, 1974, regarding Indochina. This hearing revealed the Pentagon soaked a total of \$21.3 million in flying 2,602 rainmaking sorties over Indochina between 1967-1972. In October 1966, Lt. Col. Ed Soyster testified, the Pentagon ran a series of tests to determine if they could increase rainfall over parts of Indochina. Col. Soyster stated that the program was to determine if increased rainfall could further soften roads, cause landslides, wash out river crossings and in general augment poor traffic conditions. By November 9, 1966, the tests were completed and it was concluded that cloudseeding to induce additional rain over infiltration routes "could be used as a valuable tactical weapon." On March 20, 1967, the Pentagon began cloud-seeding operations over North Vietnam using WC-130 weather reconnaissance and RF-4C photo reconnaissance aircraft. According to the hearings, rainfall was increased by over 30% in selected areas. Apparently the first time weather modification was actually used in Vietnam was over Hue in 1963 by the CIA.

In beginning to uncover the US military weather modification operations we need to extend thanks to the Chicago Collective of Science for Vietnam. Their report "The Big Gun is the Rain" issued in April 1972, uncovered the Project Blue Nile—one of the numerous research projects on weather modification funded by the US government. Project Blue Nile focused on Vietnam and involved the RAND Corporation, University of Illinois, Yale, Nuclear Research Associates, Systems Science and Software, and TRW, Inc. Obviously the Air Force was involved extensively in weather modification work in



"The time will come when they will sell you even your rain."

Indochina and remains quite involved in this area today. Air Weather Service is the umbrella weather agency of the Air Force that has been writing detailed reports on the weather of other countries since the mid-1940's.

The Navy is also heavily involved in weather modification activities. Their work headquarters is China Lake Naval Base, China Lake, California. Pierre St. Amand, the director of weather modification research at the base testified before Senator Pell a year ago in describing their work. Rain control is top on their agenda. Yet they also have been able to clear fog, reduce hail, influence cloud formation, snow, lightning, etc. Overseas this base has cleared



Is it a coincidence that the world has been having a lot of strange weather lately which has been very damaging to some foreign crops?

fog in the Panama Canal, produced rain in India in 1967 (after droughts), produced rain in Okinawa and the Philippines in 1969 and 1971, respectively. Afghanistan, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Cyprus, Ethiopia, Iran, Kenya, Libya and Taiwan also petitioned this base to assist in weather modification work. Australia, Brazil, India, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Philippines, Russia, France, Canada and Italy all have active weather modification programs. Yet the United States seems to have the most developed knowledge, techniques and practice—since we have been actively testing for the last forty years. The first appropriation of \$9,000 for rainmaking experiments by Congress to the Agriculture Department was made in 1891. There are also numerous weather modification corporations engaged in work both in the US and overseas. Over 60 countries have contracted for the services of these corporations.

It is important to realize how extensively the US military is involved in weather modification efforts. Both the Air Force and Navy maintain their own weather satellite system. Several very sophisticated satellites have been kept aloft for the last nine years. The Navy's Fleet Numerical Weather Control in Monterey, California and the Air Force's Global Weather Control serve as the command bases for these operations. High over our heads the military weather satellites are providing both visible-light and infrared imagery for day and night cloud surveillance in addition to making vertical temperature profiles. This data from the satellites is received at secret ground stations around the world and is converted to digital computer format at the two base stations. When this system was revealed three years ago, then Under-Secretary of the Air Force John McLucas revealed that "certain aspects of the data system remain classified."

NASA satellites have contributed a great deal to the military's understanding of weather. (NASA is an agency that is heavily dominated by the military despite any outward "civilian" appearances.) Many of the first satellites in the 1950's were weather satellites. A total of 22 TIROS andITOS weather satellites were launched. Weather rockets are launched frequently by NASA at Wallops Island, Virginia. Most mysterious of all are the ILLIAC 4 weather modification computers operated jointly by DOD and NASA at NASA's Ames Research Center at Moffet Field, California. These computers were an outgrowth of Project Blue Nile and were installed in 1973. Their purpose is to study how human-made changes in the weather effect the global climate. Manned spaceflights such as Skylab also collected information on weather. At the NASA LBJ Space Center in Houston, Texas, displays and movies refer to the use of this information on weather modification research. NASA has collected a lot of detailed data on how the sun affects the weather.

Numerous unclassified documents indicate that the Army is also heavily involved in weather modification research at places like the Army Electronics Command Base at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, and various missile bases such as the Army Missile Command at Huntsville, Alabama, and the US Signal Missile Support Agency at White Sands, New Mexico. The whole US government weather scene is dominated by the military. The "civilian" US Weather Service was created by the Army Signal Corps. Today the Weather Service and its parent organization the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) are overflowing with old and active Air Weather Service-Air Force people. Dr. George Crossman, present Director of the Bureau, worked at computerizing the Air Force before he came to the Weather Bureau. Now the Weather Bureau is being totally computerized by Crossman.

Is it a coincidence that the world has been having a lot of strange weather lately which has been damaging some foreign crops? In the last few years many countries throughout the world have been experiencing bad weather which has reduced their crop production and made them more dependent on the US for food. In 1973, the Soviet Union was motivated to make the largest grain purchase in history largely due to drought. By 1973, Dr. A.H. Boerma, Director of the UN Food and Agriculture

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Weather...

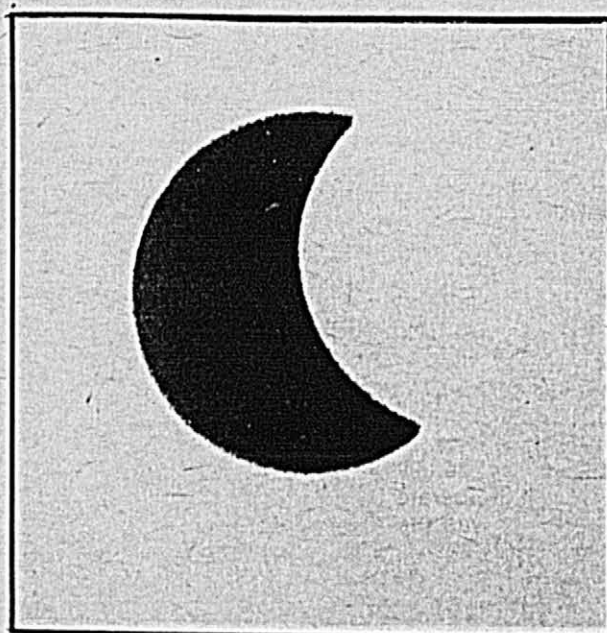
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Organization, released information that the world is faced with a serious shortage of rice and wheat due to droughts in 36 countries. Six Western African nations have been the focal point of world concern because of their drought. In this region countless acres of crops, millions of cattle and many lives have been lost. Floods and droughts have also hit Asia hard since 1973 affecting crop production in Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Cambodia, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and the People's Republic of China. Last summer floods destroyed rice and jute crops in India and Bangladesh leaving many peasants without food or income. Northeast Brazil, which is traditionally a drought area experienced floods last spring. Drought hit the Mexican state of Sonora last summer killing 100,000 head of cattle. Low rainfall in West Germany in 1973 affected vegetable yields in northern and central areas. Droughts in Cyprus in 1973 destroyed grain production and hurt other crops.

Meteorologists around the world have concluded that indeed the weather in the past few years has been strange and that major changes in the world's weather are underway. Reid Bryson, director of the Institute for Environmental Studies at the University of Wisconsin, testified before Congress in 1973 that the bad weather which began to slash food production in 1972 "is not just a passing chance combination of circumstances. The evidence is now abundantly clear that the climate of the earth is changing. It would appear that we are at the end of an era—the era of surpluses and the era of benign climate." Bryson continued by testifying that changes are not likely to affect US food production, but severe cutbacks are possible in Africa, South Asia and China where mass starvation could occur.

Dr. H.H. Lamb, a European climatologist, believes that the greatest change in world climate since the 1700's is occurring. One theory is that the present warming trend, which usually lasts for 10,000 years is over. Other theories exist, yet little attention has been given by meteorologists to the possible human interference.

This global change in weather comes at an unusual time historically—a time that could lead nations to use weather modification as a weapon. We live in an era when nations are struggling over control of all kinds of resources. Such a struggle has occurred many times historically, but now we find the world in a new situation with minerals that



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will be depleted relatively soon in the future and a world population that is scheduled to double by the end of the century. Complicating this situation is the obsolete and dangerous US capitalist economy which gobbles more than its share—40%-50% of the resources for 6% of the world's people. Even more resources will be needed in the future if this economy is to survive. Growth will not be controlled under the present system: thus we can expect more conflict between the US and the Third World. For quite some time the US government has been concerned about this predicament. Twenty years ago a Senate Interior Committee report concluded that there was no doubt that Washington knew what if mineral-rich nations cut off their supplies, "to a very dangerous extent, the vital security of this nation (capitalism) would be in serious jeopardy." Increasingly, Third World nations are demanding control over their resources and are nationalizing US companies that formerly controlled them. Ignited by the example of the OPEC countries, such efforts have spread to the bauxite countries, banana countries, tin and many others. In response, the chiefs of US imperialism—Ford and Kissinger—have waved swords at the oil countries. Yet using swords had limited results in Indochina. Perhaps

controlling the world's food supply would be a better weapon.

In 1972 Radio Havana charged that the CIA had modified Cuba's rainfall to affect her sugar crop. The Thai government had modified weather against liberation troops in its northeast sector according to hearings held before the House last September. Rhodesia was accused by her neighbors of weather warfare in 1973.

The US Senate in July of 1973 passed a resolution calling for an international treaty to ban weather modification and other environmental warfare. This resolution is still pending in the House. In the UN, efforts to achieve a treaty were sparked by the Soviet Union and several other countries this Fall. Such UN efforts have been weakened by the US in the past as with the Stockholm Environmental Conference in 1972 where the US delegation weakened a clause in a resolution to evaluate and disseminate information on weather modification.

We mentioned earlier that severe droughts have affected the world's wheat and rice production. Today the US is the largest producer of wheat and rice. It controls a larger share of the world's food than the Arabs' control of oil. US agriculture exports have skyrocketed from \$8 billion in 1972 to \$20 billion in 1974. Use of this food has become more overtly political in the last few years. Bangladesh was threatened with a suspension of food aid unless it stopped selling gunny sacks to Cuba. The Allende government was denied wheat that was urgently needed shortly before the coup. After the Pinochet junta took power, the wheat aid was delivered. Indochina was formerly the world's largest rice producer but was surpassed by the US after the use of military defoliation. Last September Ford gave his ominous UN speech warning that "energy is required to produce food and food to produce energy."

Obviously a great deal more work needs to be done in this area by concerned radical scientists. We need to establish contact with scientists and GI's involved in this work and find out exactly what is going on. The results of our work need to receive widespread public exposure. One thing is clear—your government is discussing using brutal weapons to decide who shall eat or die. Do you want this done in your name?

Let us make one thing perfectly clear...

Since the very first September issue, the McGill Daily has maintained a constant attack on the Students' Society Executive. Spearheaded by George Kopp, the venerated editor, the propaganda has included half-truths, fabrications and an evident desire to see the Executive removed from power.

The provocations by the Daily of Amato and Seidler are thinly disguised personal forays against individuals, and as such will be answered at another time.

However, yesterday's editorial, a blatant pack of lies, as the saying goes "takes the cake". The following is a point by point rebuttal for the aforementioned editorial which shatters every argument so delightfully given by the collective editors, none of whom has the guts (it would seem) to affix his own name to it. Or perhaps it takes several of their minds to come up with an 1100 word article. Well, so much for the mudslinging.

Contrary to the wishes of the Daily, the Student's Society has not collapsed. Were the Daily willing to crawl out of their basement cocoon and up to the main floor, they would see

the Society's functions proceeding normally and without a hitch. "Campus at large" (whoever they are) is said to have lost confidence in the Council. Unless "campus at large" happens to be the 30 or so comrades running the Daily, then this is not the case. (No recent Gallop Polls have been observed on Campus, either). It is very strange for the Daily to comment upon the Society's having lost touch with the students; the Daily has been out of touch for four years or more.

No, Mr Kopp! Student clubs continue to operate as before. And the firing of Mrs. Caron was not the Executive's final action. Here was an incompetent employee of whom certain people have said that had they been on the hiring committee, then Mrs. Caron would never have been hired.

The collective editorship of the Daily attacks the Executive's efficiency, presumably because if the Daily is inefficient, so should everyone else be. (If you ain't got it baby, it hurts.) When faced with money that is worth less every day, the only choice is increased efficiency and that

is what the students asked the Executive to do last March.

In the matter of the Albins' resignation, here are a few facts that the collective Daily forgot (collectively of course). Former Union Building Manager David Albins is a man of more than 65 years but active for his age. He worked as Union Manager so that he would stave off boredom. But, remember that he had various business enterprises of his own that he had to keep rolling. With his many ventures and the Union, the task became just a little too rough. And therefore, being an intelligent man, he resigned. Period.

The Editorial continues with some snide remarks about Andrew Yearwood, who it is claimed "has done nothing". Had the Daily done half as much for students, as Yearwood, they would be three weeks ahead of schedule instead of coming on to campus after 12-noon, just about every day.

The cafeteria, should the Daily staff make use of their free meal tickets, is cleaner and brighter, with the process of redecoration already begun. The hordes of complaining

students, cited by the Daily, are either those myriads of students who complain to the Daily instead of the Society (in which case it is likely that they are ignored and/or abused) or are completely imaginary. Here again literary license has usurped the facts.

The Executive forbids the hired staff from making value judgements which are the sole domain of the elected Council. Well and bloody good! It's about time that the meddling mandarins were put in their places.

The re-structuring sorely required by the Society, is an impossibility as long as the efforts of Council are tied up on answering charges and accusations from the lofty morality of the Daily.

While the Executive has been making an effort to get the students involved, the Daily is doing its best to turn them off and out. The Executive's leadership is there, alive and kicking, under the smokescreen deliberately set up by the Daily. The Executive has not been callous, or any of those other colourful adjectives that have been used to describe them.

The next accusation is the most serious and also the most foolish. The charge is that the Executive is selling out to the Administration, (because the Daily still thinks of students and administrators as "us" and "them", irretrievably irreconcilable enemies.) That, Mr. Kopp, is not the case. Things have changed since you first came to McGill in the mid 60's. Both groups are working for the benefit of students. It is true that Andrew Yearwood asked for a temporary accountant from the Administration, but that was only done so that student clubs, such as the Daily, could continue to function normally. The Executive thus protected the rights of the Daily and allowed its routine to continue, a courtesy which has not been reciprocated by the Daily.

The real instigator in this Society is Mr. Kopp. This gentleman has gone to Principal Bell with a so-called representative Ad-Hoc Committee, made up of none other than the 'Basement Clique', and has asked that the Society be placed under a trusteeship (not deserving the capital letters.)

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letters

Zionism relegates most
of world to dustbin

To the Daily:

May I be allowed the
opportunity through this col-
umn to expose the sophistry of

Borys Wajzman and S.E. Wool-
ley in their letters (Nov. 5 and
6) in reaction to a well argued
comment on Zionism by Mr A.
Plank.

Wajzman's patently absurd
argument that the European

Jews are the original Palestin-
ians must even shock such
rabid Zionists as Grandma
Golda who has stubbornly
maintained that there are no
such things as a Palestine or
Palestinians. In the typical
Zionist style Wajzman discards
three fourths of the human race
into the dustbin of immorality,
despotism and dictatorship and
as such disqualified to point
an accusing finger at his fa-
vourite Israel. Borys is indeed
very proud of his democratic
and civilized Israel which has
the dubious distinction of bull-
dozing thousands of Arab
homes in Jerusalem, Kafar Bir
in, Rafiah, just to name a few,
to liberate the European Jews.
It was the Agriculture Minister
of his "Democratic and egalit-
arian Israel" who in 1974 called
the presence of Israeli Arab
workers inside Israel as 'a
cancer in our body': See letter
from Professor Israel Sahak to
The Economist, London, Janu-
ary 25th, 1975.

The Daily over the last few
years has established a healthy
precedent by critically examin-
ing the inherent racist and
colonialist tendencies of Zion-
ism. The captive media a la
Montreal Star, New York Times
and others have vied with each
other in elevating Zionism to a
status next to motherhood. I
invite the uninhibited and
objective readers of the Daily to
read an article published in the
September issue of the New
Outlook, entitled 'Democracy
ends at Pithat Rafiah'. It will
also interest your readers to
know that the Neturi Karata
(Loyal Followers of Torah) in an
open letter addressed to the
U.N. Secretary General (Pub-
lished in New York Times of
Nov. 7) assert that Zionism is
not Judaism and they have
appealed to him that "a clear
semantic distinction be expres-
sed between 'Zionist-Israeli'
and 'Jewish'. This will not only
serve the truth, which the Arab
peoples recognize, but will
further exonerate the United
Nations position, inasmuch as
it would clarify the issue and
relieve tensions."

To S.E. Woolley's vicious and
ignorant attack on the spread of
Islam one can only say that
ignorance is bliss only when
ignorants like Woolley keep their
mouths shut. I suggest he read
the Islamic history without
Zionist glasses or those of
imperialism. I only like to wish
with Professor Sahak that the
western intellectuals, politici-
ans, and the media employ
similar concepts for similar
phenomenon whether they
occur in Pretoria, Salisbury or
Tel Aviv as they so freely do for
those 70 nations who have
incurred the fury of champions
of morality, democracy and
freedom simply because they
have dared to express their
opinion as free nations.

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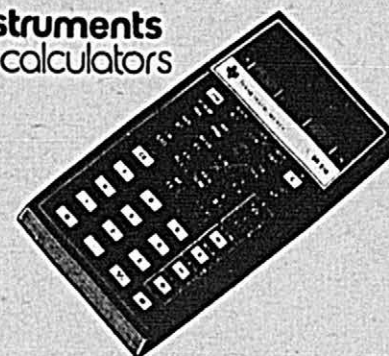
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letters

Gay McGill responds to Hill to the Daily:

I would like to make some informed comments on the letter submitted to yesterday's Daily (Nov. 13) by Eric Hill, of Gay Montréal.

Mr. Hill's statement that McGill Gays did not mobilize to stop the MSEA-Gay Montréal gay dance is incorrect. Robert Vallée (former interim president of Gay McGill) was undoubtedly the person who came to everyone's attention (to his credit) during this affair, however, all active members of Gay McGill were aware of this dance and their opinions were sought before any action was undertaken. Furthermore, all members of the former Interim Executive Committee of Gay McGill (namely, Robert Vallée, James Boast, and myself) were actively involved on a day-to-day basis in deciding precisely what measures should be taken.

It is unfair of Mr. Hill to belittle Gay McGill as a social and political body, and to paint Robert Vallée as an arbitrarily-acting president, by summarily dismissing what happened as the culmination of one person's opinions and actions. The Interim Executive Committee of Gay McGill (with Robert's approval) decided that he should be the one to approach the various people concerned in order to provide a measure of continuity to our approach by averting possible misinterpretations of the situation (which might well have been the case had several people shouldered this responsibility). The final cancellation of the MSEA-Gay Montréal gay dance is adequate testimony to the effort and thought put into this action. On behalf of Gay McGill I thank Robert Vallée for having devoted so much of his perseverance and intelligence to this task.

What I would particularly like to emphasize is that Mr. Hill has not mentioned the most pertinent aspect of all in the MSEA-Gay Montréal gay dance issue—that Gay Montréal, a fellow gay organization, was willing to co-operate with the MSEA in running a gay dance, with the full knowledge (certainly by late September) that Gay McGill had been re-organized, and that an offer of 50% of the profits from the dance was extended to Gay McGill in order that we should have remained silent about the whole issue. I am certain that Mr. Hill is aware of past problems encountered in obtaining a liquor permit for gay dances held at McGill under the

auspices of Gay Montréal, and of the possible deleterious effects which the MSEA-Gay Montréal gay dance might well have had on Gay McGill's future as a viable social and educational instrument on campus. It is most unfortunate that so much energy was needlessly expended in order to bring to a halt what was generally considered by active members of the gay community at McGill to be an exploitative act by the MSEA.

One of the purposes in having a University-based gay organization is to offer an alternative to the "gay bar—sauna" scene. I am sure that Mr. Hill appreciates the fact that members of the gay community should not have to depend on an outside agency such as the MSEA to organize gay dances when gay organizations already exist. On a purely practical level, the revenue from Gay McGill dances will support other projects for the benefit of gays and other interested parties; had the MSEA-Gay Montréal dance been held, the profits would have gone into private pockets, as is commonly the situation with gay bars.

I address these questions to Mr. Eric Hill: Why did Gay Montréal not support Gay McGill as a fellow gay organization, instead of co-operating with the MSEA in order to further its own monetary interests? Why was there no overt co-operation from Gay Montréal with Robert Vallée in discussions in early October with Gay Montréal, preceding the cancellation of the dance?

As a member of the gay community I feel a keen sense of disappointment that this act of good faith was not possible. We might better be able to gain both a greater respect and understanding, of the larger heterosexual community, by showing solidarity and due consideration for the cause at hand (gay liberation), rather than by pursuing narrow-minded, egotistical, and isolationist tactics.

On Nov. 5 a new Executive Committee was elected, to replace the Interim Executive Committee of Gay McGill. Furthermore, we now have an office (B-41, Union) and a budget (approved by the Students' Society, Nov. 12).

I heartily exhort all interested persons at McGill to participate in Gay McGill. As an active member of Gay McGill, no longer serving in an Executive capacity, I anticipate as equally a vigorous stance to be adopted in the future by Gay McGill

vis-à-vis social and political activities, as has been evident from our actions to date.

Sheridan Reavely,
[former member of Interim Executive Committee, Gay McGill]

P.S. to Margie Copley. I heartily agree with your comments re the letter submitted by C.R. (Nov. 11). I encourage you, however, not to judge Gay McGill on the basis of one individual's opinion. Since you feel so strongly, why not get involved in Gay McGill yourself? We could certainly benefit from your active participation.

Gays and our unsafe streets

To the Daily:

I wish Tara Johnsen would read my letter before rushing into print to wave his "loud, gay and proud" flag in my face. I thought I made it adequately clear that homosexuals in the armed forces are usually pretty well tolerated as long as they don't pester those who don't share their aberration (and it IS an aberration, let's not be misled by those silly attempts by organized homos to pressure the American Psychological Association into rewriting the textbooks).

I personally know of fellow teachers here who are "gay" and have never allowed this to alter my treating them on an equal basis, as long as they don't force their sexual preference on me. It is unfortunate that McGill chose to do otherwise and dismiss a professor who announced his homosexuality.

The law, Mr. Johnsen? Do you really think that the law will protect minority groups? Do you know what happens to Blacks, Jews, "foreigners" and homosexuals when they get taken to any police station in Montréal? Have you forgotten the Haridy case so soon? Lawyers, judges, legislators, Mr. Johnsen: they are playing little games with words, with bullshit. The real world is not words, it's your local Gestapo headquarters. That's where it's at. If you can manage to survive it and get your paws on a lot of money, then you can buy some justice. But please don't hand me that horseshit about "changes in the law that will prevent overt discrimination" because your naïveté is showing. Give me any law and I'll show you 101 ways to circumvent it. That's why the UN is a flop, that's why our streets are unsafe to walk at night, and in many cities, even in daylight. That's why Warren Allmand is an ass, as Bumble would agree were he still buzzing around in

Dickens' bonnet.

So I retract nothing. Be a good fellow, button your lip, and your fly.

Ex-C.A.F.-St. Hubert.

Smoke-filled exasperation

To the Daily:

Many modular courses have set up drop-in areas in the multipurpose centre on the second floor of the Redpath Library. It is an informal place to study or consult with other students, as well as a place set aside for consultation with professors and teaching assistants in the modular courses.

The area is large and accommodates many students. However, the ventilation system for the area cannot cope with the immense concentration of cigarette smoke, and the air is consequently unbearably hot and smoke-laden much of the time.

Students who cannot tolerate the smoke can leave. Teaching assistants and quiz-givers, however (of which I am one), are obliged to stay in the area for a designated amount of time, up to four consecutive hours. After an hour and a half, I usually have a headache.

I have spoken to the porter on more than one occasion. The problem appears to be this: other students have requested that the area remain "zoned" for smoking, and the building staff is reluctant to prohibit smoking there. Unfortunately, it is unreasonable to permit smoking in such a congested and poorly ventilated area. It is not fair to those of us who must be there for hours at a time.

Frankly, I cannot think of appropriate action to take on this issue. I would welcome any suggestions or action.

At least if I cannot ventilate the drop-in centre, I have ventilated my exasperated feelings.

Daina Z. Green
M.Sc.1
Human Communication Disorders

For the Record

To the Daily:

On Friday, Nov. 14, Mr. Yearwood asked me if I could provide some temporary accounting assistance to the Students' Society following Mr. Cross' resignation.

I assigned Mr. Bennet to help out in the situation stressing most emphatically to Mr. Yearwood that this was not to

be construed as an intervention in the affairs of the Society but an attempt to be helpful in a difficult situation.

Mr. Bennet was not appointed by the Administration to replace Tom Cross, as noted by your writer in Monday's Daily, nor was there any suggestion therefore that his appointment had to be ratified within three days by the Council.

I would appreciate having your readers made aware of this.

Allan C. McColl
Vice-Principal [Finance]

No justification for attack on Veterans

To the Daily:

The Nov. 11 entry in the Today column concerning the Armistice Day parade implying that the veterans of past wars "made the world safe for capitalism and McGill" is a scurrilous attack on those who lost loved ones, on the dead victims of war, and upon the veterans, many of whom still suffer from their experiences.

While I agree that capitalism breeds war, and capitalists grow richer from wartime activities, let us not forget that the last great war was the brainchild of Adolf Hitler and his fascist cohorts, ultra-capitalists all. Or would you rather that this maniac succeeded in his design for world conquest?

I realize that the entry was submitted by someone or group on campus, as the column is open to everyone and probably doesn't reflect the Daily's editorial policy. If it was submitted by the Left, where is their appreciation for workers, soldiers and peasants, the mainstay of Chairman Mao's Revolution? What do they hope to gain by alienating Canada's veterans?

Ernest Boucher

Thieving Roaches

To the Daily:

As a night worker in the Union, I keep an ear cocked for busy ripoff artists. But my ears have been assaulted every night, all night, by the steady blare of the loudspeakers in the empty building. I can therefore hear no burglars or cockroaches sneaking around the place, and wish to prevail upon the powers that be to shut off the PA system once the Pub is closed, or to put it on a time switch so that it goes off automatically. Silence is gold. Thank you.

Kojak II

Students' Society Elections

December 3, 1975

Nominations are hereby called for the positions of the following Students' Council Representatives:

1. Representatives from the following schools and faculties must be students in their penultimate year, and must be in good standing with the University.

Arts & Science	3 representatives
(At least one must be pursuing a B.A. degree, and at least one must be pursuing a B.Sc. degree.)	
Engineering	2 representatives
Architecture	1 representative
Management	1 representative
Education	1 representative
Music	1 representative
Nursing (B.Sc.N.)	1 representative
Physical & Occupational Therapy	1 representative

2. Representatives from the following Schools and Faculties may be in any but their final year, having spent at least one full academic year at McGill University, and must be in good academic standing with the University.

Religious Studies	1 representative
Dentistry	1 representative
Law	1 representative
Medicine	1 representative

* All nominations must be signed by 25 students of the Faculty or School concerned, or by 25% of the students of the Faculty or School, whichever is less, and countersigned by the nominee with his address and phone number.

** Nominations must contain the following words:
"We, the undersigned students, nominate.....
for the position of"

***All nominations must be handed in personally to the Executive Secretary, Ms. Louise Laporte at the Students' Society office in the Students' Union by no later than

5:00 pm. Friday, November 21, 1975

Clarity...

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This trusteeship will in effect replace the elected Executive, and will consist of a list of people drawn up by the Ad-Hoc Committee, no doubt with George Kopp, or some such 'guardian of truth' as its head. This all-powerful trusteeship will have financial power over clubs and employees.

Note: The 'Basement Clique' is a group of various club officials in the Union. The major qualification for being on the Ad-hoc Committee/'Basement Clique' are: having been a union hack for a number of years and deep hatred of the present elected Executive, efficiency, the Administration, etc. The 'Basement Clique' is self-perpetuating and has a very loud bark. The 'Clique' is about as representative of McGill students as the Plumber's Pot is of Artsmen.

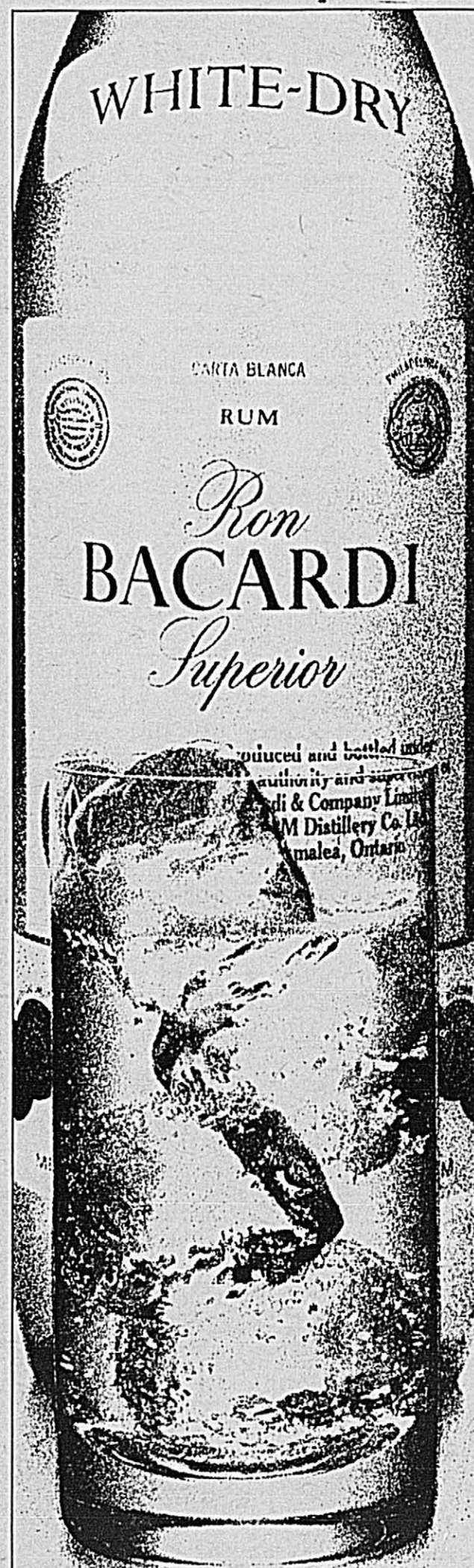
The only conclusion is that the Daily crowd is dissatisfied with merely controlling the vocal cords of the Students' Society; it is now hell-bent on acquiring executive powers (without an election, of course). It is unlikely that students will condone such obvious chicanery. The Administration will of course see through this bluff by the 'Basement Clique'. It is very opportune to have called an open meeting at a time when only the Daily gets a chance to have its say. But students have been misled far too long by the Daily.

Up until today, the Executive has refrained from the petty politicking of the Daily. But endurance has its limits and one derision too many has been aimed at the Society and the students who comprise it. The Society and its functions will continue to serve students with the integrity expected of elected officials.

It is trusted that Mr. Kopp, and the Daily for which he is responsible will publish this statement in its entirety, without the convenient typographical errors so common to the Daily, when it suits the editors to commit them.

Incidentally Mr. Kopp, no number of Daily-attacks on the Executive will obtain for you the carpet that you so desire for your office. We don't work that way. You will have to requisition the carpet, like everyone else.

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